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IRS Awards Approximately \$7.5 Million to Tax Clinics Aiding Low Income Taxpayers

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WASHINGTON — The National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina E. Olson, announced that the Internal Revenue Service has awarded approximately \$7.5 million in matching grants to Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) for the 2005 grant cycle (Jan. 1, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2005). LITCs are qualifying organizations that represent low income taxpayers involved in tax disputes with the IRS or that provide education on tax rights and responsibilities to taxpayers for whom English is a second language or who have limited English proficiency.

The LTC grant program, now in its seventh year, encourages the creation and growth of Low Income Taxpayer Clinics across the nation. These clinics provide an important resource to taxpayers who may not be able to afford a tax professional.

Under the program, the IRS awards matching grants of up to \$100,000 a year to organizations operating independent tax clinics. For the 2005 grant cycle, the IRS awarded LTC grants to 145 organizations representing 48 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. With the enactment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, which provides for the appropriation of \$8 million to the IRS for the use in awarding LTC grants, the IRS is planning a supplemental grant announcement. The additional \$.5 million in grant funds will be directed to states that do not presently have a tax clinic and to communities where there is limited clinic accessibility.

Following is a list of organizations awarded a matching grant for the 2005 grant cycle:

Name of Organization	City	State	Amount of Award	Award Type*
Alaska Business Development Center	Anchorage	AK	\$30,000	B
Assistance Resources of Alaska (ARA)	Anchorage	AK	\$50,000	B
Birmingham Business Resource Center, Inc.	Birmingham	AL	\$40,000	C
Lawson State Community College LTC	Birmingham	AL	\$30,000	E
Delta Economic Education Resource Service	West Memphis	AR	\$30,000	B
University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law	Little Rock	AR	\$80,000	B
Community Legal Services, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ	\$85,000	B

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DNA – People’s Legal Services, Inc.	Chinle	AZ	\$31,292	B
Association of Cultural & Social Advancement for Vietnamese	San Jose	CA	\$30,000	B
The LITC of Central California Legal Services, Inc.	Fresno	CA	\$60,000	B
Chapman University Tax Law Clinic	Orange	CA	\$85,000	B
CHARO Community Development Corp.	Los Angeles	CA	\$20,000	E
Chinese Newcomers Service Center	San Francisco	CA	\$20,000	B
Filipino-American Service Group, LITC	Los Angeles	CA	\$15,000	B
HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance, Inc. (HALSA)	Los Angeles	CA	\$30,000	B
Korean Resource Center	Los Angeles	CA	\$30,000	E
LITC of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County	Santa Ana	CA	\$83,000	B
Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. - HomeStart, Inc.	San Diego	CA	\$65,000	B
Minority Business Association (San Diego African American Chamber of Commerce)	La Mesa	CA	\$60,000	B
San Francisco Bar Association-Volunteer Legal Services Program	San Francisco	CA	\$30,000	B
University of San Diego Legal Clinic	San Diego	CA	\$85,000	B
University of Denver College of Law	Denver	CO	\$50,000	C
New Life Corporation	New Haven	CT	\$25,000	E
Quinnipiac University School of Law Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Hamden	CT	\$85,000	B
University of Connecticut-School of Law	Hartford	CT	\$85,000	C
American University Federal Tax Clinic	Washington	DC	\$85,000	C
Central American Resource Center	Washington	DC	\$14,000	E
Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Counsel	Wilmington	DE	\$10,000	E
Legal Services Corporation of Delaware	Wilmington	DE	\$20,000	C
Bay Area Legal Services	Plant City	FL	\$30,000	B
Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization	Homestead	FL	\$35,000	B
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF) Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Daytona Beach	FL	\$75,000	B
Gulfcoast Legal Services	St. Petersburg	FL	\$23,937	B
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.	West Palm Beach	FL	\$40,000	B
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.	Miami	FL	\$85,000	B
Legal Services of North Florida	Tallahassee	FL	\$70,000	B
Federal Tax Clinic, College of Law Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA	\$85,000	C

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JC Vision and Associates, Inc.	Hinesville	GA	\$50,000	B
West Georgia Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Carrollton	GA	\$50,000	C
Impuestos Ahora (Taxes Now) - Women's Economic Development Agency, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	\$20,000	E
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	\$30,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Honolulu	HI	\$52,000	B
Iowa Legal Aid	Des Moines	IA	\$85,000	B
University of Idaho Tax Clinic	Moscow	ID	\$80,000	B
Administer Justice	East Dundee	IL	\$20,000	E
Midwest Tax Clinic - Center for Economic Progress	Chicago	IL	\$82,000	B
IIT Chicago - Kent College of Law LITC	Chicago	IL	\$93,000	C
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center	Chicago	IL	\$20,000	E
Loyola (Chicago) Federal Tax Clinic	Chicago	IL	\$70,000	C
Lutheran University Association dba Valparaiso University Law Clinic	Valparaiso	IN	\$50,000	C
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic	Indianapolis	IN	\$81,000	B
El Centro, Inc.	Kansas City	KS	\$10,000	E
University of Kansas Legal Services for Students	Lawrence	KS	\$40,000	E
Legal Aid Society Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Louisville	KY	\$28,000	C
Northern Kentucky University LITC	Covington	KY	\$50,000	B
New Orleans Legal Assistance - Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	New Orleans	LA	\$30,000	C
Southern University Law (Clinic) Center	Baton Rouge	LA	\$70,000	C
Bentley College Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (BLITC)	Waltham	MA	\$93,000	B
Greater Boston Legal Services	Boston	MA	\$45,000	B
Springfield Partners for Community Action, Inc.	Springfield	MA	\$20,000	E
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service	Baltimore	MD	\$60,000	C
Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.	Bangor	ME	\$93,000	B
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan - LITC	Flint	MI	\$14,000	B
Michigan State University College of Law - Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	East Lansing	MI	\$70,000	B
Volunteer Accounting Service Team of Michigan	Detroit	MI	\$40,000	B
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	Minneapolis	MN	\$60,000	B
University of Minnesota Tax Clinic	Minneapolis	MN	\$85,000	B
Budget & Financial Management Assistance (BFMA) Tax Clinic	Kansas City	MO	\$50,000	B

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Southwest Missouri State University LITC	Springfield	MO	\$70,000	B
Kansas City Tax Clinic - UMKC Law School	Kansas City	MO	\$85,000	C
North Mississippi Rural Legal Services	Oxford	MS	\$25,000	C
Montana Legal Services LITC	Missoula	MT	\$31,725	C
Duke Law School Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Durham	NC	\$40,000	C
Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.	Greenville	NC	\$40,000	B
Western North Carolina LITC (Legal Services of Southern Piedmont)	Charlotte	NC	\$60,000	B
Northeastern Community Development Corporation	Camden	NC	\$20,000	E
Legal Services of North Dakota	New Town	ND	\$28,500	B
Legal Aid of Nebraska Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Lincoln	NE	\$28,289	E
Legal Advice & Referral Center	Concord	NH	\$25,000	E
NH Pro Bono Referral Program	Concord	NH	\$29,118	C
Rutgers Law School Federal Tax Clinic	Newark	NJ	\$85,000	C
South Jersey Legal Services, Inc.	Bridgeton	NJ	\$85,000	B
Nevada Legal Services LITC	Las Vegas	NV	\$50,000	B
Albany Law School	Albany	NY	\$85,000	C
Bedford Stuyvesant Legal Services Corporation	Brooklyn	NY	\$55,000	B
Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc.	Long Beach	NY	\$15,000	B
Volunteer Lawyers Project (Erie County Bar Association)	Buffalo	NY	\$15,000	C
Fordham University	New York	NY	\$85,000	C
LITC at Ithaca College	Ithaca	NY	\$6,925	E
Legal Aid Society LITC (NY)	New York	NY	\$93,000	B
Legal Services for New York City-Bronx LITC (LSNY Bronx)	Bronx	NY	\$85,000	B
Project Challenge of Long Island NY, Inc.	Long Beach	NY	\$37,500	E
Queens Legal Services Corp.	Jamaica	NY	\$75,000	B
Queensborough Taxpayer Outreach Program (Q-TOP)	Bayside	NY	\$30,000	E
Rural Opportunities, Inc. (LITC)	Rochester	NY	\$93,000	B
South Brooklyn Legal Services Inc - Brooklyn Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Brooklyn	NY	\$93,000	B
Syracuse University College of Law	Syracuse	NY	\$80,000	C
Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc	Rochester	NY	\$10,150	C
Taxpayer Education Services - Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.	Elmsford	NY	\$55,000	E
Young Korean American Service and	Flushing	NY	\$15,000	E

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Education Center				
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE)	Toledo	OH	\$40,000	B
Community Legal Aid Services LITC	Akron	OH	\$33,000	B
Friendship Foundation of American-Vietnamese, Inc.	Cleveland	OH	\$40,000	E
Lake Erie College – LITC	Painesville	OH	\$9,000	E
Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Cleveland	OH	\$65,000	C
Legal Aid Society of Columbus	Columbus	OH	\$40,000	C
Southeastern Ohio Legal Services Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Newark	OH	\$50,000	C
Community Action Project of Tulsa County, Inc.	Tulsa	OK	\$40,000	B
LITC at Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.	Oklahoma City	OK	\$75,000	B
Catholic Charities - El Programa Hispano	Gresham	OR	\$20,000	B
Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO)	Portland	OR	\$80,000	B
Lewis & Clark Legal Clinic	Portland	OR	\$60,000	C
Duquesne University School of Law - Low Income Tax Practicum	Pittsburgh	PA	\$80,000	C
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	PA	\$20,000	E
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center	Philadelphia	PA	\$65,000	B
University of Pittsburgh-School of Law LITC	Pittsburgh	PA	\$85,000	C
Villanova Law School Federal Tax Clinic	Villanova	PA	\$85,000	C
Oficina para la Promoción y el Desarrollo Humano, Inc.	Arecibo	PR	\$40,000	E
Rhode Island Legal Services Low Income Tax Clinic	Providence	RI	\$75,000	B
Rhode Island Tax Clinic, Inc.	Providence	RI	\$75,000	B
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic - South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice, Inc.	Greenville	SC	\$85,000	B
Rural Alliance, Inc.	Nisland	SD	\$50,000	B
Technology for the Rural Enhancement of Communities LITC	Nisland	SD	\$47,500	B
Conexian Americas	Nashville	TN	\$30,000	E
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands	Oak Ridge	TN	\$93,000	B
Centro Familiar Christiano, Inc. LITC	Sugarland	TX	\$31,000	E
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program	Houston	TX	\$85,000	B

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La Unión del Pueblo Entero	Pharr	TX	\$12,000	E
Latino Education Low Income Taxpayer Program	Corpus Christi	TX	\$15,000	E
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas	Ft. Worth	TX	\$85,000	B
Texas Taxpayer Assistance Project at Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid	Austin	TX	\$78,500	B
Texas Tech University School of Law LITC	Lubbock	TX	\$50,000	B
Boat People S.O.S. Inc.	Falls Church	VA	\$40,000	E
Community Tax Law Project	Richmond	VA	\$93,000	B
Legal Aid Justice Center	Charlottesville	VA	\$40,000	B
Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc.	Arlington	VA	\$20,000	B
Central Vermont Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Barre	VT	\$34,000	B
Vermont Low Income Taxpayer Project (Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.)	Burlington	VT	\$43,000	B
Gonzaga University: University Legal Assistance	Spokane	WA	\$54,000	B
University of Washington School of Law	Seattle	WA	\$85,000	B
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	\$85,000	B
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee Inc	Milwaukee	WI	\$75,000	C
Clinical Law Program - West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV	\$28,000	C
Wheeling Jesuit University	Wheeling	WV	\$15,000	E
Wyoming Legal Services LITC - Wind River Legal Services	Lander	WY	\$15,000	B
*Key: E = English as a second language (ESL); C = Controversy; B = Both ESL and Controversy				